

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Date: May 11, 2004

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PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Ronald A. Christensen, Vice-Chairman; Cruz Salas, Member; Steve Stratton, Public Works Division Director; and, Bryan Chambers, 2nd Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Steve Stratton led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dixie Mundy delivered the Invocation.

At this time each Board member presented a brief summary of current events as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). No action was taken on any items that were presented.

Chairman Sanchez advised that a presentation would be given on Project Citizen by Mrs. Lori Rodriguez, a 6th grade teacher at East Globe School, and her students. Mrs. Rodriguez provided an overview of Project Citizen. She advised that her class received “exceptional” awards at both the regional competition and Arizona State Showcase competition for Project Citizen. She advised that this program is designed for students in grades 5 through 8. The program was designed and is funded by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services of Education. The purpose of the program is to provide students with an understanding of how to make a difference in their community. The goal of the students is to identify a problem within their school, community or state,

seek alternatives to solve that problem, and then develop a public policy and action plan. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that her students were placed in four separate groups to work on this project, as follows: identification, alternatives, public policy, and action plan. Members of each group presented their project component to the Board of Supervisors. Each Board member thanked the students and Mrs. Rodriguez, and praised their involvement and accomplishments on this project. The following students participated in Project Citizen: Brandi Amado, Joshua Badilla, Josia Bender, Courtney Cãnez, Melanie Casey, Jenica Casillas, Katherine Corneil, Jordan Francom, Logan Freeman, Ryan Harrison, Mitchell Jensen, Derreck Kinney, Kace Loya, Daniela Marstanovic, Stephen Morales, Jessica Noline, Ethan O'Neal, Chasity Phillips, Ashley Ramos, Jace Rampelotto, Sarah Rodriguez, Gloria Sanchez, Austin Stratton, Brandon Sukosky and Zachary Powell.

Juley Bocardo-Homan, Senior Personnel Analyst, advised that she had 4 I'MAGE (I'm a Great Employee) Awards to present. She read aloud nomination letters and the following individuals were presented with awards: Judy Smrdel of the Recorder's Office, David Rogers of the Elections Department, Martha Gonzales of the Treasurer's Office, and Brent Cline of the Public Works Division. Each Board member congratulated the award recipients.

Mr. Stratton requested that the Board award Call for Bids number 32204-1 for the Gila County Complex Right Turn Bay Project and authorize the Chairman's signature on the Contract with the successful bidder. He advised that the County received 3 bids and that all bid specifications were met by each contractor. Mr. Stratton provided an overview of the bids, as follows: Show Low Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$59,325.50; DJ's Companies in the amount of \$88,326.00; and, Jonovich Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$135,526.00. He recommended awarding the bid to Show Low Construction, Inc. and issuing a notice to the Contractor to begin the project with 10 days. Mr. Stratton advised that project is estimated to be completed within 45 days. Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen,

the Board unanimously awarded Call for Bids number 32204-1 to Show Low Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$59,325.50 and authorized the Chairman's signature on the Contract with Show Low Construction, Inc.

Bryan Chambers requested approval to amend Gila County Procurement Policy No. GC2-7-106. He advised that upon reviewing documents pertaining to agenda item number 6, it was necessary to amend the Procurement Policy for clarification purposes. Mr. Chambers advised that this amendment specifies that Gila County may participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with the State. The amendment reads as follows: *3. Purchases made pursuant to cooperative purchasing agreements that are compliant with A.R.S. § 41-2634 are deemed to be compliant with Gila County purchasing procedures.* Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board unanimously approved the amendment to Gila County Procurement Policy No. GC2-7-106.

Jeremy Goodman, Information Technology (I.T.) Department Manager, presented a request to terminate the Agreement with Avaya, Inc., the current provider of Gila County's telecommunications equipment and services, and enter into an Agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. to provide funding in the amount of \$722,376.54 for the lease-purchase of telecommunications equipment and services from Cisco Systems Company, Inc. Mr. Goodman stated that Avaya, Inc. breached its contract with the County at the time when the County's telecommunications system was expanded into the Payson area. He advised that since that time, the I.T. Department has had to deal with many problems which Avaya has not been able to resolve. Mr. Goodman provided a Power Point presentation on the many benefits of contracting with one telecommunications provider. He stated that Cisco Systems Company, Inc. will provide a more robust, redundant and voice enabled network. Mr. Goodman advised that every phone within Gila County will be replaced. He proceeded to provide an overview of the many capabilities of the Cisco System phones. Mr. Goodman stated that the proposed telecommunications system also provides

for future upgrades. He advised that the transition to Cisco Systems will allow for an overall cost savings. Vice-Chairman Christensen inquired as to the status of the existing telecommunications equipment and the length of the Agreement. Mr. Goodman replied that Cisco Systems Company, Inc. offers a trade-in program so all of the County's existing telecommunications equipment will be purchased by Cisco Systems. He also advised that the term of the Agreement is for a period of 5 years. Mr. Goodman advised that the contract includes the provision of 24 hours per day, 7 days per week telephone support using Cisco's SmartNet program should any problems occur with the equipment. Mr. Goodman deferred to Mr. David Patterson, Finance Director, regarding the financial impact of entering into this proposed Agreement with Cisco Systems. Mr. Patterson advised that for the past 5 years the County has been paying approximately \$8,300 per month for networking equipment purchased for the video conferencing project along with a service agreement with Avaya, Inc. for telecommunications equipment. He advised that those funds will now be used for the purchase of the new telecommunications equipment. Mr. Patterson advised that the County will save approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 on long distance costs. He advised that the savings on long distance costs along with the previous budgeted monthly expenditure of \$8,300 will cover the total monthly cost of the new telecommunications system. Mr. Goodman advised that other Arizona counties have contracted with Cisco Systems and that the new middle school that is being built in Globe, Arizona, will also contract with Cisco Systems. He advised that Richard Malpidi and Tom Trebbing of IKON Solutions, Inc. are present today to support this requested Board action. The Board thanked Mr. Goodman for the very thorough presentation. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board unanimously authorized terminating the Agreement with Avaya, Inc., and entering into an Agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. to provide funding in the amount of \$722,376.54 for the lease-purchase of telecommunications equipment and services from Cisco

Systems Company, Inc. Mrs. Priscilla Knuckey-Ralls, County Treasurer, inquired as to the interest rate of this transaction. Mr. Goodman advised that the interest rate is at 3.38 percent.

Mr. Patterson requested the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) whereby Navajo County agrees to sell to Gila County a non-exclusive license for a perpetual term to use proprietary software developed by Navajo County for conducting operations by the County Treasurer regarding tax revenue. The cost to purchase this software license is \$40,000 to be effective May 11, 2004. Mr. Patterson advised that Navajo County's Active Data Tax (ADT) software package is utilized by Apache, Greenlee, Graham and La Paz Counties. He advised that Data Systems of Arizona has maintained the Gila County Treasurer's tax system for more than 25 years. He also advised that the new system will not be limited by the number of users providing that the users are Gila County employees. Ms. Knuckey-Ralls advised that the new system will reduce the amount of time it takes to perform some tax-related functions. She advised that eventually one full time position will be reduced within her department as a result of the capabilities and efficiency of the new system. Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board unanimously approved the IGA.

Mr. Patterson requested the approval of an IGA whereby Navajo County agrees to provide software support for the ADT software sold to Gila County. The first year's software maintenance shall be included in the initial license fee of the software, effective May 11, 2004. Thereafter, the fee shall be divided by the number of counties using the software. Mr. Patterson advised that 5 counties currently pay approximately \$10,000 each per year for software maintenance and upgrades. With the addition of Gila County's participation, the cost is estimated \$8,500 per year for each participating county. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board unanimously approved the IGA.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors,
Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk